

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission April 21, 2003

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, April 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Wolf
Commissioner Hower
Commissioner Bessa
Commissioner Goolsby
Commissioner Perry
Commissioner Peterson
Commissioner Pritchard

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Bessa made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2003 as amended.

Motion: Bessa
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 4-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Bruce Dewar gave an update on the HDRA Shade Tree Steward's meeting. He also talked about two Capital Improvement projects the East Market Street widening and the Rt. 15 widening and stated that he hoped the Tree Commission could get involved in these projects.

Ms. Carol Evans talked about the issues involving the Sycamore trees and asked if the Town Council could get the opinion of the Tree Commission in regards to any tree removal.

Commissioner Perry stated that the Arbor Day poster contest was wonderful, but she was disappointed that the poster that they picked did not make it on the brochure.

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The Commission decided to draft a letter to the Planning Director Susan Swift to ask that the Tree Commission be involved in all future projects in the Town in regards to the landscaping.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed what materials they needed for the Flower and Garden Show and what the schedule was going to be.

Mr. Banks stated that he needed more input for the Adopt-a-tree permit and that he would like to remove the list of trees that is attached.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bessa asked what happens with the trees in his neighborhood that are planted four feet from the sidewalks and causing the sidewalks to buckle.

Mr. Banks stated that the Public Works Department would be in charge of the sidewalks as for the trees on private property that is the homeowner's responsibility.

Commissioner Hower talked about the streetscapes in regards to the E. Market Street widening and the Rt. 15 widening.

Commissioner Goolsby talked about the Town getting a policy for when they remove a tree from a public area the Tree Commission is notified.

The Commission discussed the trees that would be handed out at the Flower and Garden Show.

COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks stated that the interview was done with the intern and an offer was made and he is waiting on a response.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Peterson
Carried: 6-0

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester